MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether any such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

Extension of the Asaripallam branch channel.

17. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any budget provision in 1108 for land acquisition for extending the Asaripallam branch channel in the Anandanar system ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why the land is not still acquired ;

(*c*) the approximate cost of extending the channel ; and

(*d*) whether there was a petition from the people stating that they would extend the channel if land is acquired by the Government ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proceedings for acquisition are in progress.

(*c*) Rs. 424 including land compensation.

(*d*) Yes.

Removal of silt from the Quilon-Trivandrum canal.

18. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition, dated 27-3-1108, from Mr. M. K. Raman, Secretary, the Travancore Navika Thozhilali Sangham, praying for removing silt at Quilon, Warkala, Nadayara and Channankara in the Quilon-Trivandrum canal ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Division Officer, Quilon, has orders to attend to it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether orders were issued before the petition was received or after ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Before, in 1931.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I am referring to part (*b*), *of question No. 18.*

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The Division Officer's Report was received on 24-9-1932, and it has also been reported that the canal has been completely restored to traffic on 25-1-1108.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware of the contents of the petition dated 27-3-1108, the petition that was given after 25-1-1108?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer himself had received certain representations before he received the petitions now referred to by the member, and he has himself taken action on them. He had called upon the Division Officer to make immediate arrangements for the work. The Chief Engineer then forwarded the subsequent petitions also to the Division Officer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there was any complaint in the petition dated 27-3-1108 that the Division Officers and other subordinate officers have not been attending to the proper upkeep of the canal?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was anything done after receipt of that petition?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Action has been taken. The Division Officer has been asked to attend to the work immediately, and he has reported that one portion of the canal has already been set right and improved.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): After receipt of this petition?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Which portion of the canal, please?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): All that I can now say is that one portion of the canal has already been repaired.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the canal now deep enough for traffic in Warkala, Nadayara and Channankara?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Division Officer has been asked to attend to the work emergently.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the Division Officer been impressed with the hardship caused to the people owing to the delay in the work, especially in these parts?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Emergent instructions have been issued to him to attend to the work.

Allotment under communications for each of the P. W. Divisions.

19. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted in 1108 for each of the P. W. Divisions under Communications?

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